

advanced submarine technologies and a rapid prototype acquisition strategy for both land-based and at-sea subsystem demonstrations of such technologies.

(C) A description of all research, development, test, and evaluation programs, projects, or activities within the Department of Defense which, in the opinion of the Under Secretary, are designed to contribute to the development and demonstration of advanced submarine technologies leading to a more capable, more affordable nuclear attack submarine, specifically identifying ongoing involvement, and plans for future involvement, in any such program, project, or activity by either Electric Boat Division or Newport News Shipbuilding, or by both.

Certification.

(b)(1), not more than \$100,000,000 may be obligated or expended until the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) certifies in writing to the congressional committees specified in paragraph (1) that—

(1) funds specified in subsection (c) (2) have been made available for obligation; and  
(2) to the extent that funds specified in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) have been appropriated for the purposes specified in such paragraphs, such funds have been made available for obligation.

(f) ACQUISITION SIMPLIFICATION.—In

furtherance of the direction provided by subsection (d) of section 131 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (110 Stat. 209) to the Secretary of Defense regarding the application of acquisition reform policies and procedures to the submarine program under that section, the Secretary shall direct the Secretary of the Navy to implement for the submarine programs of the Navy acquisition reform initiatives similar in intent and approach to the initiatives begun by the Secretary of the Air Force in May 1995 and referred to as the "Lightning Bolt" initiatives. The

Reports.

Secretary of the Navy shall, not later than March 31, 1997, submit to the congressional committees specified in subsection (e)(1) a report on the results of the implementation of such initiatives.

(a) DESIGN RESPONSIBILITY.—(1) The Secretary of the Navy shall carry out the submarine program described in section 131 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 in a manner that ensures that each of the two shipbuilders involved in the design and construction of the four submarines described in that section be allowed to propose to the Secretary any design improvement that the shipbuilder considers appropriate for the submarines to be built by that shipbuilder as part of those four submarines. The Secretary shall ensure that both shipbuilders have full and open access to all design data concerning the design of the submarine previously designated by the Navy as the New Attack Submarine.

(2) The designs proposed by the shipbuilders should proceed from, but not be limited to, the specific advanced technologies referred to in subsection (b)(2)(A), especially technologies involving hydrodynamics and hydroacoustics concepts.

Reports.  
shipbuilders to submit (3) The Secretary shall require both to the Secretary an annual report on the progress of the design work on the submarines referred to in paragraph (1) and shall transmit each such report to the committees specified in subsection (e)X~~D~~.